

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET  
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

<b>AGENDA REVIEW</b>	05/01/13
<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	05/14/13
<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT</b>	All
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Department of Mental Health (DMH)
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Approval to extend the Consultant Services Agreement with Los Angeles County Alliance for the Mentally Ill for Family-Focused Strategies to Reduce Mental Health Stigma and Discrimination for Adults (Ages 26-59) Countywide Program.
<b>PROGRAM</b>	DMH Program Adult Systems of Care
<b>DEADLINES</b>	June 30, 2013
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	\$241,926, fully funded by State MHSA revenue.
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	Approval to extend the existing Consultant Services Agreement with Los Angeles County Alliance for the Mentally Ill, aka Los Angeles County Coordinating Council, to continue the Family-Focused Strategies for Reducing Mental Health Stigma and Discrimination for Adults (Ages 26-59) Countywide Program without interruption on a month-to-month basis for the first six months of Fiscal Year 2013-14.
<b>SUMMARY/ ISSUES</b>  (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)	<p>Approval of the monthly extension will enable LACCC to continue to provide necessary services without interruption to reduce the stigma and discrimination seen among the family members and parents/caregivers of consumers facing mental health issues. Without the Family-Focused Strategies for Reducing Mental Health Stigma and Discrimination for Adults (Ages 26-59) Countywide Program, the public mental health system is in danger of losing the presence of family and parent advocacy support and services for family members, parents, and caregivers of consumers facing mental health issues. The current Agreement with LACCC is set to expire on June 30, 2013. This Amendment would extend services, on a month to month basis, for another six-month term (July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013).</p> <p>DMH is in the process of releasing the Statement of Eligibility and Interest (SEI) for this service. The open competitive solicitation process will allow DMH the opportunity to canvas community-based organizations which can provide family and parent advocacy and education programs.</p> <p>The total estimated cost of the increase TCA for six monthly extensions will not exceed \$241,926 and is fully funded by State MHSA revenue. Funding for this agreement is included in DMH's FY 2013-14 Recommended Budget.</p>
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